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SUBJECT: PL 480 WHEAT UNLOADING IN PORT SAID OGDEN
- JAMES

1. AGATTACHE RECEIVED YESTERDAY LETTER FROM MASTER OF OGDEN JAMES, WHICH ARRIVED PORT SAID MAY 1 WITH CARGO OF 14582 MO5XT PL 480 BULK WHEAT. UPON ARRIVAL PORT SAID, MASTER WAS TOLD BY PORT AUTHORITIES VESSEL COULD NOT BE BERTHED FOR UNLOADING FOR ABOUT 35 DAYS DUE TO PRIOR PIER COMMITMENTS. (SAME TIME MARINE SHIPPING CORPORATION FACILITIES PRESENTLY VACANT AND COULD BE USED PROVIDED VESSEL LIGHTENED TO 27-FOOT DRAFT.) DEMURRAGE CHARGES OF ABOUT \$5,000 A DAY BEING INCURRED WHICH AT 35 DAYS WOULD MEAN TOTAL DEMURRAGE OF APPROXIMATELY \$200,000. UNDERSTAND OWNERS HAVE ALSO SENT TELEGRAMS TO USDA, TO EGYPTIAN MINISTER SUPPLY AND TO DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF ESTRAM. MASTER ASKED OUR HELP TO EXPEDITE BERTHING AND UNLOADING.

2. PROBLEM, AS USUAL, IS THAT PORT SAID STEVEDORES AND
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ESTRAM DO NOT WISH VESSEL DIVERTED TO MARINE SHIPPING FACILITIES FOR UNLOADING, SINCE THIS WILL MEAN THEY ARE NOT PAID FOR UNLOADING OPERATION. GOVERNOR OF PORT SAID, JUDGING FROM COMMENTS OF BRUER OF MARINE SHIPPING, AS IS SO OFTEN THE CASE, IS RELUCTANT PRESS THEM.

3. ACCORDINGLY, AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED MIN SUPPLY

ZAKARIA TEWFIK TO INFORM HIM OF PROBLEM. HE REMINDED TEWFIK THAT WE HAVE GOE COMMITMENT GIVE PL 480 VESSELS PRIORITY IN BERTHING AND UNLOADING. ALSO RECALLED HIS EFFORTS RECENTLY TO ASSIST TEWFIK IN OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION FOR PA'S FOR BALANCE OF THIS YEAR'S PL 480 WHEAT. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT IT IS RIDICULOUS FOR GOE TO ACCEPT \$200,000 DEMURRAGE CHARGE WHEN OTHER ALTERNATIVE UNLOADING FACILITIES EXIST AT PORT SAID. HE URGED TEWFIK CALL GOVERNOR OF PORT SAID AND PRESS LATTER TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO CORRECT SITUATION WITHOUT DELAY.

4. TEWFIK READILY AGREED TO DO SO AND SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH. WILL FOLLOW UP AS APPROPRIATE. EILTS

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